



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: It is important for Minnesota's youth to graduate from high school fully prepared for postsecondary education in order to be competitive in the global marketplace and to provide a better life for themselves and their families; and
- WHEREAS: Students who are academically prepared and understand their options beyond high school are far more likely to participate in college; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota receives grants through the U.S. Department of Education's Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Program (GEAR UP) to ensure that low income students in Minnesota and those underrepresented in higher education successfully transition from high school into college; and
- WHEREAS: During the 2013-2014 school year, Minnesota's GEAR UP program, *Get Ready*, administered by the Minnesota Office of Higher Education, provided early college awareness and preparatory services to over 5,400 low income students in nine elementary, middle, and high schools throughout the Twin Cities and provided program outreach services to over 6,700 low income students throughout Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: Low-income and underrepresented students often need a variety of early college awareness and preparation services, including academic tutoring, targeted curriculum, financial literacy education, assistance paying for college, opportunities to visit college campuses, academic counseling and mentoring services, summer academic enrichment programming, and parental involvement events; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota is committed to supporting college aspirations and increasing college participation and success for all students through high academic standards, financial aid, and college access programs including *Get Ready*.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of September 22-26, 2014, as:

MINNESOTA GEAR UP WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 15th day of September.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE